

Emergency Shelter Program

(FY2022 Appropriation Act - Public Act 87 of 2021)

March 1, 2022

Sec. 453. (1) *From the funds appropriated in part 1 for homeless programs, the department shall allocate funds to the emergency shelter program to support efforts of shelter providers to move homeless individuals and households into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Funding provided shall be equal to or exceed the amount of provider would receive if paid \$19.00 per diem rate per bed night. Expected outcomes are increased shelter discharges to stable housing destinations, decreased recidivism rates for shelter clients, and a reduction in the average length of stay in emergency shelters.*

(2) *By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office a report on the total amount expended for the program in the previous year, the total number of shelter nights provided, and the average length of stay in an emergency shelter.*



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(1) Total Amount Expended from the Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) in FY 2021.

In FY21, ESP expended 98% of its allocation: \$18,357,142 of \$18,738,487.

(2) Total Number of Shelter Nights Provided

A total of 832,043 bed nights were provided in FY21. This includes 795,201 nights of shelter as well as 36,842 nights of motel.

(3) Average Length of Stay in an Emergency Shelter

The average number of continuous nights of shelter stays for discharged clients in FY21 was 37 nights.